

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application for United States Letters Patent, and in response to the Office Action mailed August 17, 2009, kindly enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks relative to consideration of the present application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this document.

The Remarks begin on page 4 of this document.